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MOMBASA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COY.

10th April

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 13458/1920 of March 25th regarding Mombasa Electric Light and Power Company Ltd

2. It is primarily desirable to obtain, as soon as possible, a day and night supply of electric light and power at Mombasa in the standard system under the provisions of the Ordinance. If the Company does not apply for a licence under the Ordinance, the most that the Company should be granted would be an extension of the old rights and obligations for a term of 43 years from April 1st 1920, on the terms laid down in the original Agreement, including reversion at any time at the Government's pleasure, to the price of eight pence per unit as stipulated in the Agreement.

3. At the same time the Government would take immediate and energetic steps by public advertisement to invite operation throughout Mombasa and its environs by a licensee under the new Ordinance. The viability of the Mombasa Electric Light and Power Company to satisfy requirements under the Ordinance must not be allowed to retard the progress of the Port.

4. The Company should not be permitted to be under the impression that the service which they are at present providing will, in the immediate future, be regarded as satisfactory and adequate, and they cannot hope to escape competition unless they make a successful application under the Ordinance.

5. I agree that the proposal to extend the period for concession to seven years should not be adopted.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Yours obedient servant

Edward Northey

Governor of the East Africa Protectorate

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Major Wm. Crowdy

14 April 1920

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I am so to inform you
that his lordship will
be glad to learn whether
it is now possible for
a reply to be returned
to the letter from this
Sept of the 15th of
March with regard to

(145-14)

- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. H. Lambert.
- Mr. H. Read.
- Mr. G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Amery.
- Mr. Milner.

The position of the Montreal
Electric Light & Power Co.

(Signed) H. J. READ.

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17th April, 1930.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

Sir,

I regret that it has not been possible to
send an answer before this to your letter of the 25th March
last, regarding the Mombasa Electric Light & Power Company,
but it shall be sent on Tuesday next.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Forster

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